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Case: 83551/Appeal: 5285  
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Dear Mr. Best:

I write to reply to your 29 October 2018 correspondence regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that you submitted to the National Security Agency (NSA or Agency) for “[r]ecords relating to Ann Caracristi, sixth Deputy Director at NSA.”

You expressed concern that NSA’s response to you did not provide the responsive documents or specify where to locate them. However, NSA’s 14 June 2018 response to you, among other things, indicated that 1) since their initial 27 January 2016 response to you additional records have been made publicly available on the NSA.gov website and could be located by typing the term “Caracristi” in the search bar provided; and 2) some of the records you requested have been released to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and provided you NARA’s contact information (to include the NSA accession numbers associated with those records to assist in locating the records at NARA) as NSA is no longer the custodian of those records.

Please be advised that an adverse determination pursuant to 32 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 286.9(e) was not issued in Case 83551; therefore, a basis for appeal does not exist. Your appeal for Case 83551 is not valid and has been administratively closed with no further action from this office.

As mentioned in the Agency’s 14 June 2018 response, the Center for Cryptologic History (CCH) continues to research Ms. Caracristi’s career at NSA, and future CCH publications on this topic will be made available on the NSA.gov website as they are completed. We encourage you to visit the NSA.gov website periodically to view any additional research they publish. Finally, the National Cryptologic Museum Library has an exhibit on Ms. Caracristi should you wish to view the exhibit. Please reference NSA’s 14 June 2018 response for additional details about visiting the National Cryptologic Museum.

Sincerely,

FOIA/PA Appeal Authority Staff